



# NEVADA LIMITED JURISDICTION JUDGES 2017 WINTER SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts

*Nevada Judges  
of Limited  
Jurisdiction  
(NJLJ)*

*Semi-Annual  
Business Meeting*



**January 24 - 27, 2017**  
**Aquarius Casino Resort**  
**Laughlin, Nevada**



# INVITATION FROM THE NJLJ PRESIDENT

NJLJ Website: [www.njlj.org](http://www.njlj.org)

Dear Fellow Judges,

On behalf of the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction, I invite you to attend the 2017 Winter Educational Seminar at the Aquarius Casino Resort in Laughlin, starting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Prior to the start of the seminar, the Educational Committee will meet at 8:30 am to discuss next year's agendas and goals. This will be followed by the meeting of the NJLJ Executive Board.

The seminar will commence at 1:00 pm on Tuesday and conclude at approximately 12:30 pm on Friday. Some of the educational topics planned for this seminar include: *Evidence: A Continuing Conversation*, *Contempt*, *Legislative Strategy and Outlook*, and *Duty to Sit vs. Recusal*.

Judge Atkins, our host judge, has several events lined up for our traditional Thursday afternoon social activities.

Hope to see everyone in Laughlin and wish all of you safe travels!

Sincerely,

Richard Glasson  
President, NJLJ

**Injustice anywhere is a threat to  
justice everywhere.**

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*





# AGENDA AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Aquarius Casino Resort

## TUESDAY

## JANUARY 24, 2017

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

NJLJ EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

NJLJ BOARD MEETING

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**PRETRIAL RELEASE ASSESSMENT** (1.5 hour *Ethics* CJE/CLE)

*Justice James Hardesty, Supreme Court of Nevada*

*Judge Joe Bonaventure, Las Vegas Justice Court*

*Judge Scott Pearson, Reno Justice Court*

*Ms. Anna Vazquez, Las Vegas Justice Court*

In June of 2015, the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada unanimously approved a resolution creating the Committee to Study Evidence-Based Pretrial Release in Nevada. The Committee studied the pretrial release system and examined alternatives and improvements to that system through evidence-based practices and risk-assessment tools. The Committee made recommendations to the Judicial Council and the Nevada Supreme Court regarding possible strategies for reforming and improving Nevada's pretrial release system. In this presentation, the speakers will give an overview of the Committee's findings, and they will offer outlines about upcoming changes to the pretrial release process that will affect all the courts in this state.

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**MODEL BAIL STATEWIDE SCHEDULE AND SUGGESTED FINE SCHEDULE**

(.5 hour CJE/CLE)

*Judge Kevin Higgins, Sparks Justice Court*

*Judge Mason Simons, Elko Justice and Municipal Courts*

As a follow-up to the pretrial release topic, Judge Higgins and Judge Simons will lead a discussion on bail and fine schedules.

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAK

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

**2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: ISSUES AND PLANNING** (1 hour CJE/CLE)

*Judge Kevin Higgins, Sparks Justice Court*

*Keith Lee, Esq.*

*Judge Melissa Saragosa, Las Vegas Justice Court*

*Judge John Tatro, Carson City Justice and Municipal Courts*

*Mr. John McCormick, Nevada Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts*

The panel will provide insight into key issues related to the 2017 Legislative Session and will help to identify potential impacts of new legislation on the courts.



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## **TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 24, 2017** (continued)

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM

BREAK

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

**TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE NEVADA ARREST AND PROTECTION ADVOCACY PROJECT** (1 hour CJE/CLE)

*Judge Steve Aycock, National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges*

*Ms. Kimberly Mull, Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence*

This session will explore how domestic violence victims who have experienced trauma may present in the courtroom. The presentation will review some core reasons why domestic violence victims remain in abusive relationships and why their behavior may not reflect the expected behavior of someone in a violent situation. The session will end with an introduction to the Nevada Arrest and Protection Advocacy project and will provide attendees an opportunity to share their experiences and challenges with adjudicating domestic violence cases.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

NJLJ RECEPTION (No-Host Bar)

## **WEDNESDAY**

**JANUARY 25, 2017**

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

BUFFET BREAKFAST AND LATE REGISTRATION

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

**THE ROCKS AND SHOALS OF CONTEMPT** (1 hour CJE/CLE)

*Judge Richard Glasson, Tahoe Justice Court*

*Judge Camille Vecchiarelli, Dayton Justice Court*

Lurking just beneath the surface of the subject of contempt are threats and obstacles that will turn smooth sailing courts and judicial careers into wrecks that will await rediscovery from the unwary. Judge Glasson and Judge Vecchiarelli will lead a session on the subject of contempt, using small group discussions and scenarios, that will provide you with the instruments to navigate a steady course.

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

BREAK

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

**THE ROCKS AND SHOALS OF CONTEMPT - concluded** (1 hour CJE/CLE)

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**RECUSAL VS. DUTY TO SIT** (1 hour *Ethics* CJE/CLE)

*Judge Steven Dobrescu, Seventh Judicial District Court*

To sit? To recuse? What is a judge to do in a small community, or in a closely connected state for that matter? Judge Steven Dobrescu, of the Seventh Judicial District, will provide guidance and insight on this touchy issue.

12:00 PM - 1:15PM

LUNCH (on your own)



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## WEDNESDAY

**JANUARY 25, 2017** (continued)

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

**PERS: ISSUES AFFECTING JUDGES AND COURT STAFF** (1.5 hour CJE/CLE)

*Ms. Tina Leiss, Executive Officer, Nevada Public Employees Retirement System*

*Ms. Cheryl Price, Operations Officer, Nevada Public Employees Retirement System*

*Mr. Walter Zeron, Director Member Svc., Nevada Public Employees Retirement System*

Representatives from the Nevada Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) will discuss the history and status of the PERS and the Judicial Retirement System (JRS), the retirement benefits structure in each system including differences between PERS and JRS, transfer provisions from PERS to JRS, and retirement and reemployment provisions. Changes to PERS and JRS brought about by 2015's Senate Bill 406 will also be covered.

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**SUCCESSION PLANNING IN THE COURTS** (1 hour CJE/CLE)

*Panel TBD*

The panel will discuss a variety of issues connected with the personal and professional impact of succession planning.

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

BREAK

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

**SUCCESSION PLANNING IN THE COURTS - concluded** (1 hour CJE/CLE)

5:15 PM - ON

EVENING FREE

## THURSDAY

**JANUARY 26, 2017**

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

BUFFET BREAKFAST

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS** (1 hour CJE/CLE)

*Ms. Alison Lopez, Nevada State Department of Public Safety*

*Ms. Nicole Albright, Nevada State Department of Public Safety*

In an effort to maintain the integrity of criminal records, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), General Services Division (GSD), will focus on the importance of criminal record maintenance and how it impacts the criminal justice community. The goal is to further enhance that balance of information sharing by gathering important information to enable DPS to better serve the community as a whole.

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

BREAK

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

**MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS - concluded**  
(1 hour CJE/CLE)

10:15 AM

NJLJ BUSINESS MEETING





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## THURSDAY

## JANUARY 26, 2017 (continued)

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| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | LUNCH (on your own)      |
| 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  | FREE FOR NJLJ ACTIVITIES |
| 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  | NJLJ NO-HOST RECEPTION   |
| 6:30 PM            | NJLJ GROUP PHOTO         |
| 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM  | NJLJ AWARDS BANQUET      |

## FRIDAY

## JANUARY 27, 2017

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| 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM  | BUFFET BREAKFAST   |
| 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  | <b>EVIDENCE AS RELATED TO COMMON LAW</b> (1 hour CJE/CLE)<br><i>Judge Mason Simons, Elko Justice and Municipal Courts</i><br><br>Anchored in reason (and NRS 1.030), evidence related to common law suggests deference to common sense and restraint. Judge Simons will lead a discussion related to the things we know to be true of evidence (sometimes lacking a formal definition), and how to be sure your court exerts “neither force nor will, but merely judgment.”  |
| 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM  | BREAK  |
| 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM | <b>LANDLORD/TENANT: CURRENT ISSUES AND MORE TO COME</b> (1 hour CJE/CLE)<br><i>Judge Melissa Saragosa, Las Vegas Justice Court</i><br><br>This session will address landlord/tenant issues - both the tried and true, and the emergent. Can a landlord restrict medical marijuana usage in a rental property? Will the legalization of recreational marijuana mean that edibles are fair game (even THC infused microwave popcorn)? What herd of questions accompany service animals in rental properties? Judge Saragosa will discuss these and other topics, such as mental health issues. |

**Total CJE/CLE: 15 Hours (2.5 Hours Ethics)**



# SEMINAR INFORMATION

## NEVADA LIMITED JURISDICTION JUDGES 2017 WINTER SEMINAR LOCATION

Aquarius Casino Resort  
1900 South Casino Drive  
Laughlin, NV 89029  
(800) 662-5825

## SEMINAR WEBSITE

Seminar agenda, session materials, forms and additional information will be available on the Seminar website which can be accessed [here](#). Session materials received from faculty prior to the beginning of the Seminar will be available on the website for download, as well as on the USB flash drive included in the registration packet.

## SEMINAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

To register, please use the Judicial Education user ID and password which were provided via email, and register online by clicking [here](#). Should you need additional assistance accessing the Seminar website, please contact Judicial Education. **The registration deadline is Monday, January 9, 2017.** If it becomes necessary to cancel your Seminar registration, please do so in writing no later than Monday, January 16, 2017, to Judicial Education. There is no fee for Nevada judges.

## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE - MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

A sleeping room block has been reserved at the Aquarius Casino Resort. Call the hotel at (800) 662-5825 and refer to the group code **C-WSJ17**. **Note: You will not receive the group rate without the group code.**

Please make your room reservation as soon as possible, but no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2017. If room reservations are not made by the reservation deadline, you will be responsible for any additional charges that may incur. The group rate is \$44.99 plus room tax of \$5.40 (12%), totaling **\$50.39 per night**. There is no resort fee. Only the actual group room rate plus tax is reimbursable. In order to receive reimbursement, submit the original hotel receipt with your [Claim for Travel Expense Form](#) to the AOC Accounting Unit.

The Hotel accepts all major credit cards. A first night's room and tax charge will be billed immediately to the cardholder's account. If it is necessary to cancel your reservation, this charge is only refundable if the reservation is canceled more than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the guest's arrival.

## MEETING ROOMS

**Location:** All educational sessions will be held in Pavilion B at the Aquarius Casino Resort.

**Internet Service:** Wireless internet is available in the sleeping rooms at no additional charge. Internet service is not available in the meeting room.

## ATTIRE

Attire for the seminar is business casual. Please dress in layers to ensure your comfort as the temperature of the meeting rooms is variable.

## GUEST'S MEAL REGISTRATION

For guests wishing to participate in the Tuesday evening reception, there is no fee. However, there is a \$40.00 fee for the Thursday, January 26 banquet (not reimbursable by AOC). Prepayment for the banquet can be completed with a credit card during your online registration process which will be sent directly to the AOC Accounting Unit. Payment at the event is by cash or check only. Check payments for the banquet are to be made payable to the "Administrative Office of the Courts." Please be aware that we must provide a guaranteed number of meals prior to the event. Thus, cancellation of a guest's attendance for the banquet after January 16, 2017 will result in forfeiture of payment received. Please call Sheri LeTourneau at (775) 687-9857 or email [sletourneau@nvcourts.nv.gov](mailto:sletourneau@nvcourts.nv.gov) if you need assistance.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Group photographs of the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction association members and the newly elected Executive Board will be taken during the reception on Thursday, January 26. At that time, Judicial Education award recipients will have the opportunity to take individual photos with the award presenter. Information on how to purchase photographs will be provided at the Seminar.



# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## AIR TRAVEL

The Nevada Supreme Court Travel Policy requires travelers to pay for airline tickets in advance, seeking reimbursement on the Claim for Travel Expense form (receipt required). Travelers are strongly encouraged to book reservations in advance through Southwest Airlines' website at [southwest.com](http://southwest.com), using the "Wanna Get Away" fare, which should be approximately \$300.00 or less, round-trip between Reno and Las Vegas. Airfare paid for "Business Select" priority seating or for priority security check-in is not reimbursable. Only the "Anytime," "Wanna Get Away," or senior fares will be reimbursed. If the trip needs to be canceled after purchasing the airline ticket, the value of the ticket will remain as a credit with Southwest Airlines for the traveler to use on a future flight within one year from the date the reservation was made. Airfare reimbursement can be claimed if and when the credit is used for Nevada court business.

## AIRPORT PARKING

In order to be reimbursed for airport parking (at no more than \$16.00 per day), the original airport parking receipt must be provided with your Claim for Travel Expense form. Please use long-term parking.

## GROUND TRAVEL

The State has negotiated contracts with Hertz Corporation and Enterprise Rent-A-Car with assurances for: reasonable rates, first-dollar liability insurance without cost, and a full physical damage waiver with no deductible. Should the judge decide to rent a car from any company other than those with whom the State has contracts, AOC will not provide reimbursement for insurance or sales tax. Keep in mind, the judge and/or the judge's court, and not AOC, will be at risk for collision claims and comprehensive losses (including theft) if a vehicle is rented from a company other than the contracted companies listed below. The fuel purchase option is not reimbursable. Travelers must refuel the rental car before returning to avoid penalty refueling costs. Remember, the receipt for fuel purchase is required for reimbursement. Extra rental accessory options such as roadside assistance, satellite radios, GPS, etc., are not reimbursable expenses.

Check for the specific rates at a given location since rates may vary. Generally, absent unusual circumstances, AOC will reimburse rental car costs to a maximum of \$50.00/day

inclusive of fees. Please submit the original receipt with the travel claim.

**Hertz Corporation** (800) 654-3131

Contract: CDP#88103

Midsized \$31.00

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car** (800) 736-8222

Contract: XZ54WNV PIN: NEV

Midsized \$31.33

## PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE

Personal vehicle mileage is reimbursed at \$0.54 per mile, round-trip, for your travel. However, if a less expensive method of travel is available and you are driving for your personal convenience, you will only be reimbursed at the personal convenience mileage rate of \$0.27 per mile, roundtrip. Mileage reimbursement is from the official work station or home, whichever is less. Use [MapQuest](#) mileage estimation from your office or home to the seminar site, or if traveling within Nevada, the official State of Nevada Road Map [mileage chart](#).

## MEALS

Non-reimbursable meals provided during the seminar include: breakfasts on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, and the banquet dinner on Thursday night. Meals not provided will be reimbursed as outlined in the Nevada Supreme Court Travel Policy, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). The Supreme Court's per diem rates (no receipt required) are \$11.00/breakfast, \$12.00/lunch, and \$23.00/dinner for meals not provided from dinner on Monday, January 23, through dinner on Friday, January 27. You must be in travel status from 7:00 - 9:00 am to receive reimbursement for breakfast, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm for lunch, and 5:00 - 7:00 pm for dinner. **Note: Please be aware that we must provide a guaranteed number of meals prior to the event. Contact [Judicial Education](#) no later than January 16, 2017, should you or your guest need to cancel attendance at the Thursday banquet.**





# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## CLAIM FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Supreme Court of Nevada, AOC Accounting Unit will, upon receipt, process your Claim for Travel Expense for reimbursement. If the original Claim for Travel Expense form is complete, accurate, and includes the Certificate of Attendance and required receipts, you should receive your reimbursement within 5 business days. Refer to the travel claim procedures and documentation requirements as outlined in the materials in your registration packet. This information will also be available on the Seminar website. If you have any questions prior to submitting your Claim for Travel Expense form, please contact the AOC Accounting Unit at (775) 684-1700.

**Note:** When in doubt as to whether a cost incurred during travel status can be reimbursed, keep an itemized receipt, claim the cost on the Claim for Travel Expense form, and submit the receipt with the claim. The AOC Accounting Unit will notify you if the expense claimed is allowable for reimbursement under the Supreme Court Travel Policy.

## SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT & ELIGIBILITY

**Seminar Attendance:** The total Seminar hours are 15. Failure to attend a minimum of 75% (11.25 hours) may result in less than full reimbursement.

**Lodging:** Only the group rate plus tax are reimbursable. Submission of the original hotel receipt must accompany your Claim for Travel Expense form.

## INCIDENTALS

The AOC will reimburse you for incidental expenses at \$5.00 per day. Incidental expenses are costs incurred for fees relating to luggage carts, metered parking, toll charges, and tips. Receipts are not required.

*Photo: 2015 Summer Seminar, Tonopah -  
Judges, hard hats, and mining truck*





# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Host Judge Tim Atkins, a resident of Laughlin for 32 years, invites you to participate in one of the Thursday afternoon social activities he has arranged for your enjoyment.



*Play a round of golf at  
Laughlin Ranch (\$39.00)*



*Learn from a range master  
Must provide your own gun and ammo  
Map to location available at Seminar  
(cost TBD)*



*Experience a river cruise  
Riverside Boat (cost TBD)*



*Enjoy a horseback ride  
Map to location available at Seminar  
(cost TBD)*